File Layout Detail

Record Type 1 - Employer Summary Record

Include one Type 1 record for each employer in the file. A Type 1 record contains summary data about the employer for all <u>contributing</u> employees. This record must cover the entire reporting period. Do not include non-contributing information within the summary data. All fields are required.

Record Type 2 – Employee Details Record

Include one Type 2 record for each contributing employee and non-contributing employee being reported to MPERA. A Type 2 record contains general data about each employee being reported. All fields are required.

Record Type 3 – Employee Earnings Record

Every Type 2 record is immediately followed by a Type 3 record to report earnings, contributions, and service purchase payments. All fields are required except the SERVICE PURCHASE AMOUNT and TYPE fields. Use the SERVICE PURCHASE AMOUNT and TYPE fields **only** if the employee is purchasing service. If the employee is non-contributing, enter zero for the contribution amount.

Table 1 describes the specific data format for each record type. The table includes the following items:

- Field Description including any edit criteria associated with the field
- Type: Whether the data is alphanumeric or numeric
 - **Alphanumeric** (A/N) fields are left justified within a field and contain alphabetic or number characters, or spaces.
 - **Numeric** (N) fields are right justified within a field and contain only the digits 0-9. Numeric fields cannot contain spaces. For example, to enter seven in a two-digit numeric field, you must enter "07" not "7".
- Size: field length
- Position: Position number of the first character in the field

Record Type 1 – Employer Summary Record					
Field Description	Type	Size	Position		
Record Type – always "1". Must be the first record in the file.	N	1	1		
Retirement System Number	N	2	2		
Employer Number	A/N	6	4		
Payroll Report Period	N	6	10		
Count of Contributing Employees Reported	N	5	16		
Total Earnings Reported – implied decimal, 7 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	9	21		
Total Hours Reported – implied decimal, 7 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	9	30		
Total Member Contributions Reported – implied decimal, 7 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	9	39		
Total Member service Purchase Contributions Reported – implied decimal, 7 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	9	48		
Total Employer Contributions Reported – implied decimal, 7 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	9	57		
Total Membership Fee Reported – Not used after 12/99 (populate with "0000000")	N	7	66		
Total Penalty Reported – implied decimal, 5 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	7	73		

Record Type 2 – Employee Detail Record			
Field Description	Type	Size	Position
Record Type – always "2"	N	1	1
Member Social Security Number	N	9	2
Member Last Name	A/N	22	11
Member First Name	A/N	17	33
Member Middle Initial	A/N	1	50
Hours – implied decimal, 5 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	7	51
Hourly Rate – implied decimal, 5 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	7	58
Hire Date (YYYYMMDD)*	N	8	65
Termination Indicator	A/N	1	73
Y - Yes			
N - No			
Part Time Indicator	A/N	1	74
Y – Yes (Part time: <160 hours per months/12 months per			
year)			
N - No (Full Time: $>= 160$ hours per month/12 mo. Per			
year)			
Seasonal Indicator	A/N	4	75 (left
P – Permanent Contributing Member			justified)
S – Seasonal Contributing Member			
T – Temporary Contributing Member			
N – Non-contributing Employee (invalid once changes to			
the file is complete)			
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New Non-Contributing Values			
http://mpera.mt.gov/docs/NCNTRBValues.pdf			

^{*}The Hire Date is defined as the date the employee first started work with the MPERA contracted employer

Record Type 3 - Employee Earnings Record					
Field Description	Type	Size	Position		
Record Type – always "3"	N	1	1		
Earnings for Period – implied decimal, 7 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	9	2		
Member Contribution – implied decimal, 5 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	7	11		
Member Additional Contribution – Zero Filled	N	7	18		
Service Purchase Type 1	N	3	25		
Service Purchase Amount 1 - 5 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	7	28		
Service Purchase Type 2	N	3	35		
Service Purchase Amount 2 - 5 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	7	38		
Service Purchase Type 3	N	3	45		
Service Purchase Amount 3 - 5 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	7	48		
Service Purchase Type 4	N	3	55		
Service Purchase Amount 4 - 5 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	7	58		
Service Purchase Type 5	N	3	65		
Service Purchase Amount 5 - 5 positions before and 2 after the decimal	N	7	68		

Example File

Below is an example payroll file. The example contains 2 Type 1 Records. The first employer has 4 employees, 1 of which is contributing and 3 that are non-contributing. The contributing employee is reported twice since they work in multiple positions at different hourly rates. The second employer has 4 employees, 1 contributing and 3 non-contributing. This employer is included in the example to clearly illustrate how multiple employers can be reported in one file. Note that the summary totals in the Type 1 Record do not include the counts and summaries of non-contributing data.

